

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

H.J.R. 96, § 1

the state are considered to be reasonably expected to be paid from other revenue sources if they are designed to receive revenues other than state general revenues sufficient to cover their debt service over the life of the bonds or agreement. If those bonds or agreements, or any portion of the bonds or agreements, subsequently requires use of the state's general revenue for payment, the bonds or agreements, or portion of the bonds or agreements, is considered to be a "state debt payable from the general revenue fund" under this section, until:

(1) the bonds or agreements are backed by insurance or another form of guarantee that ensures payment from a source other than general revenue; or

(2) the issuer demonstrates to the satisfaction of the Bond Review Board or its successor designated by law that the bonds no longer require payment from general revenue, and the Bond Review Board so certifies to the Legislative Budget Board or its successor designated by law.

SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be submitted to the voters at an election to be held on November 4, 1997. The ballot shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment limiting the amount of state debt payable from the general revenue fund."

Passed by the House on April 9, 1997: Yeas 143, Nays 1, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 7, 1997: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Filed with the Secretary of State May 8, 1997.

H.J.R. No. 83

A JOINT RESOLUTION

proposing a constitutional amendment to allow the legislature to prescribe the qualifications of constables.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 18, Article V, Texas Constitution, is amended by adding Subsection (g) to read as follows:

(g) The Legislature by general law may prescribe the qualifications of constables.

SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 4, 1997. The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment to allow the legislature to prescribe the qualifications of constables."

Passed by the House on April 29, 1997: Yeas 108, Nays 38, 1 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 19, 1997: Yeas 28, Nays 2.

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H.J.R. No. 96

A JOINT RESOLUTION

proposing a constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to authorize an ad valorem tax of five cents for each \$100 of taxable property in rural fire prevention districts located in Harris County.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 48-d, Article III, Texas Constitution, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 48-d. (a) The Legislature shall have the power to provide for the establishment and creation of rural fire prevention districts and, *except as provided by Subsection (b) of this section*, to authorize a tax on the ad valorem property situated in said districts not to exceed Three (3c) Cents on the One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars valuation for the support thereof.

(b) *The Legislature shall have the power to authorize a tax on the ad valorem property situated in a rural fire prevention district located in whole or part in Harris County not to exceed Five (5¢) Cents on the One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars valuation for the support of the district.*

(c) *Provided, however, [~~it provided that~~] no tax shall be levied in support of said districts until approved by vote of the people residing therein.*

SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 4, 1997. The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to authorize an ad valorem tax rate in rural fire prevention districts located in Harris County of five cents on each \$100 of taxable value of property."

Passed by the House on April 16, 1997: Yeas 145, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 21, 1997: Yeas 30, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting.

Filed with the Secretary of State May 22, 1997.

H.J.R. No. 104

A JOINT RESOLUTION

proposing a constitutional amendment relating to eliminating duplicate numbering in and certain obsolete provisions of the Texas Constitution.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 48-e, Article III, Texas Constitution, as proposed by H.J.R. No. 18, 70th Legislature, Regular Session, 1987, is redesignated as Section 48-f to read as follows:

Sec. 48-f [48-e]. The legislature, by law, may provide for the creation, operation, and financing of jail districts and may authorize each district to issue bonds and other obligations and to levy an ad valorem tax on property located in the district to pay principal of and interest on the bonds and to pay for operation of the district. An ad valorem tax may not be levied and bonds secured by a property tax may not be issued until approved by the qualified electors of the district voting at an election called and held for that purpose.

SECTION 2. Section 52e, Article III, Texas Constitution, as proposed by S.J.R. No. 37, 60th Legislature, Regular Session, 1967, is redesignated as Section 52g and amended to read as follows:

Sec. 52g [52e]. Bonds to be issued by Dallas County under Section 52 of Article III of this Constitution for the construction, maintenance and operation of macadamized, graveled or paved roads and turnpikes, or in aid thereof, may, without the necessity of further or amendatory legislation, be issued upon a vote of a majority of the *residents* [~~resident property taxpayers~~] voting thereon who are qualified electors of said county, and bonds heretofore or hereafter issued under Subsections (a) and (b) of said Section 52 shall not be included in determining the debt limit prescribed in said Section.

SECTION 3. Section 61, Article III, Texas Constitution, as proposed by S.J.R. No. 5, 53rd Legislature, Regular Session, 1953, is redesignated as Section 61-a to read as follows:

Sec. 61-a [61]. The Legislature shall not fix the salary of the Governor, Attorney General, Comptroller of Public Accounts, Commissioner of the General Land Office or Secretary of State at a sum less than that fixed for such officials in the Constitution on January 1, 1953.

SECTION 4. Section 1, Article VI, Texas Constitution, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1. The following classes of persons shall not be allowed to vote in this State, to wit:

First: Persons under 18 [~~twenty-one (21)~~] years of age.

Second: *All persons who have been determined mentally incompetent by a court, subject to such exceptions as the Legislature may make.* [~~Idiots and lunatics.~~]

Third: [~~All paupers supported by any county.~~]

[~~Fourth:~~] All persons convicted of any felony, subject to such exceptions as the Legislature may make.